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For: POWER GENERATION PLANT REMOTE
OPERATION SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 6 and 8 as follows.

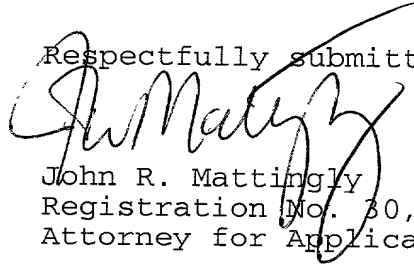
6. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1, wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on its own operating state controlled by the remote control center.

8. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1, wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on the amount of cost saving by an improvement proposal presented by the remote control center.

REMARKS

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIMS

6. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on its own operating state controlled by the remote control center.

8. (Amended) A power generation plant remote control and operation system of claim 1 [or 2], wherein the thermal power generation plant pays a consideration to the remote control center based on the amount of cost saving by an improvement proposal presented by the remote control center.